

# Quote

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## MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

[1] Sec'y of Treasury GEO HUMPHREY, *expressing concern that stock mkt investigation may disturb public confidence in American economy*: "We are on sound economic ground, based on sound economic principles, and there is no reason why we should not go forward unless confidence is badly injured or destroyed." . . . [2] Sen J WM FULBRIGHT (D-Ark), *chmn of committee investigating stock mkt*: "I can't understand why these hearings should disturb the mkt if the mkt is basically sound." . . .

[3] Sen WALTER F GEORGE (D-Ga), *chmn Senate For'gn Relations Committee, refusing, on behalf of his group, a "private peek" at Yalta documents, as proffered by State Dept*: "I don't know what's in the Yalta papers, and I don't want to learn unless the whole public can know it." . . . [4] Dr GEO V LE ROY, *associate dean, Dept of Biological Sciences, Univ of Chicago, protesting against secrecy concerning effects on humans of atomic radiations*: "A

### Quote of the Week

Vice Pres RICHARD M NIXON, *in a warning to California Republicans*: "The Republican Party is not strong enough today to elect a president. We have to have a man who is strong enough to elect the party. That is why we won in '52 with such a man—Dwight D Eisenhower."

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Japanese physician came to the U S last yr and publicly discussed research data on the problem which we were prevented by security regulations from giving our own doctors." . . . [5] WALTER REUTHER, *pres CIO, on guaranteed annual wage*: "In our fight for full employment, we have no sympathy or patience for anyone who is unwilling to work when work is available under decent conditions. We do not believe that people are automatically entitled to economic security."

FIFTEENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION



Perhaps the most significant effect of the current stock-mkt hearings may be on persons quite outside the scope of the investigations; millions of citizens who do not own a single share of corporate stock.

As the hearings proceed (and they have several wks yet to run) the resulting newspaper headlines may profoundly affect the behavior of average individuals. This condition is aggravated by the fact that hearings, such as those now in progress, bring out the army of alarmists, the parade of panacea-peddlers. These agitators are adroit in grabbing the limelight. They beat the drums for their respective philosophies. What they have to say is more colorful, more directly quotable than the testimony of stable, conservative witnesses. And they do not always confine themselves to the issue at

hand. That is where the trouble comes in.

If, from all this talk, an average householder gets a notion that all is not well, economically, in the land, he may decide not to trade for that '55 car; to wait awhile before buying or bldg a new home. This sort of thing, sufficiently multiplied, could act as a brake on the current business pick-up. We do not go so far as to forecast that this will occur, but it is, in our opinion, a potential danger that will bear watching.

Such breaks as have thus far occurred in the mkt are largely correctional and should not, of themselves, cause great concern.

Our Formosa policy looks out-of-focus—hazy, indefinite—because we can't say, in so many words, that we'll fight for Quemoy-Matsu—up to a point. But that's what it am'ts to. Probable outcome: We'll use these off-shore islands as trading stock for a cease-fire. Some shooting will doubtless result. Whether you call it war depends on your definition. But in the commonly-accepted sense of the term, we do not think that a Big War with China impends.



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Charles H. Johnson



#### ADVERSITY—1

One of the high tests of our personal living is not how fast we travel on the highway but how we take the forced detours.—*Megiddo Message.*

#### AGE—2

You've reached middle age when you have as much difficulty getting into last yr's clothes as you have in getting today's automobile into yesterday's garage.—*Decorah (Ia) Public Opinion.*

#### AMERICA—3

Yes, the U S is in a bad shape—worse off than any other country in the world—in some respects. No other country is suffering political and economic troubles because of a surplus of food. No other country has traffic congestion because so many people own automobiles.

In no other country does everyone make so much money and help is so hard to find and harder to keep. In no other country do people take so many holidays, and work so few hrs, so they will have time to spend the money that keeps piling up on them. In no other country is obesity, caused by plenty of everything and high living, one of the chief medical problems. Yes, it's a sad situation.—*Pikes Peaker.*

#### BEHAVIOR—4

The best thermometer the yr round is a warm heart and a cool head.—*Tit-Bits, London.*

#### CAUSE—Effect—5

Sometimes when I consider what tremendous consequences come from little things—a chance word, a tap on the shoulder, or a penny dropped on a newsstand — I am tempted to think there are no little things.—*BRUCE BARTON, syndicated col.*

#### CHILD—Discipline—6

In the past, a harrassed parent would say, "Go sit in a chair!" or "Go outside and play!" or "If you don't stop that noise, I'm going to beat your dear little brains out!" The present-day parent suggests, "Why don't you go look at television?"—*JOHN STEINBECK, "How to Tell Good Guys from Bad Guys," Reporter, 3-10-'55.*

#### COMMUNISM—Christianity—7

A great Latvian Christian said to some of us a short time ago: "Twenty million Communists are taking the world away from six hundred million Christians." There are only twenty million really dedicated Communists on the party rolls, and there are six hundred million enrolled Christians!—*HELEN SMITH SHOEMAKER, The Secret of Effective Prayer (Revell).*

#### CONSCIENCE—8

Sometimes a clear conscience can be nothing more than a short memory.—*Sunshine Mag.*

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The divorce of Mr and Mrs Jos E Davies—following the separation, which we announced here some wks ago—has Washington high society speculating on the possibility of twice as many Davies parties in the future. Tregaron, the 37-acre estate they shared while married (scene of some of the most elegant entertaining in the world) was kept by Mr Davies. Mrs Davies (now known as Mrs Marjorie Merriweather Post, her original name before any of her 3 marriages) bought another famous Washington estate, *Arbremont*. The gossip is that they may soon be entertaining competitively.

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Quip by David Sarnoff, head of RCA, here to address the big federally-sponsored Conference on the Effective Use of Woman Power: "What's this—a program for the development of the guided Mrs?" Later, after listening to some of the speeches, he added: "This leaves me with only one question: How does one become a woman?"

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Unusual in the Eisenhower Administration is the stability of the Cabinet to date. There's been only one change — Jas P Mitchell for Martin Durkin as Sec'y of Labor. In the 3rd yr of the Truman Administration there had been 2 Sec'ys of State, 2 Sec'ys of Treasury, 2 Postmasters Gen'l, 2 Sec'ys of Interior and 2 Sec'ys of Agriculture.

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#### DEMOCRACY—9

We aren't educated until we come truly to find democracy not just in the mach'y of gov't but in the hearts of men.—JAS M SPINNING, "Democracy Obliges," *Nation's Schools*, 3-'55.

#### DRINK—Drinking—10

Rep'ts of the Public Health Service on 1st admissions to state and private hospitals for insane show that 1st admissions due to alcohol psychosis or alcoholism have been increasing until about one in 7 cases is due to alcohol.—*Survey Bulletin*.

#### EDUCATION—11

Americans are now going in for adult education in a gigantic way. Some 50 million adults have gone back to school via public schools, correspondence courses, educational radio and TV, and courses sponsored by business, industry and the armed forces educational program.—LAWRENCE GALTON, *American Mag.*

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Let us teach our children to study man as well as mathematics and to build cathedrals as well as power stations.—Sir DAVID ECCLES, British Minister of Education.

#### FAME—12

Henry Van Dyke gave this definition of fame some yrs ago when he was unveiling the bust of Whittier at the Hall of Fame on the campus of N Y Univ. Van Dyke said: "Fame is durable good renown, won by service, approved by the wise and applauded by the common voice." — Dr RALPH W SOCKMAN, "The Keys of Confidence" .. " *Public Relations Jnl.* 2-'55.

# Mining the Magazines



The frolicsome spirit of Spring pervades the March issue of *Family Circle*, usually a placid enough home-and-hearthside mag. Featured is an article on "Cooking Pranks" for April Fool's Day meals. On the menu are "Flannel Cakes" (pancakes with outing flannel insides), "Clay Cookies" (mostly salt), not to mention cream puffs filled with tissue paper for that extra-crunchy goodness. Goodness!

Following the recent announcement that U S Gov't is restricting the distribution of Soviet periodicals to individual subscribers in this country, some question has arisen as to the probable Kremlin reaction. Fact, of course, is that our action is several yrs behind a comparable Soviet proscription. No individual Russian may subscribe to an American periodical. Distribution is strictly limited to official sources. (At the last check-up only 38 copies of *N Y Times* were rec'd in Moscow.) Russians can read American papers and magazines in the Lenin Library — but only if they present a certificate showing that they purpose scholarly research.

Reason for this restriction is apparent with the arrival in U S last wk of Vol 30 of the *Great Soviet Encyclopedia*. This volume devotes 3½ pages to a distorted description of New York City (Russians spell

There are 4 kinds of theatre seats in Paris: those where you can both see and hear; those where you can see but not hear; those where you cannot see but can hear; those where you can neither see nor hear, but which let you say, "I was there." — MARCEL PAGNOL, *Paris Match* (QUOTE translation).

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it "Nyu"). Typical paragraph on Statue of Liberty: "... supposed to symbolize bourgeois democratic freedoms written down in the Constitution of the U S. Near this statue, on Ellis Island, there is a concentration camp." (Ellis Island, our long-established immigration station, hasn't been used by the Gov't since last Nov.)

*Southern Observer* (Nashville) devoted 3 articles in its Feb issue to Abraham Lincoln! ... *Pravda* and *Izvestia*, Soviet periodicals will no longer be delivered to U S subscribers. (It's part of Uncle Sam's plan to curb communist propaganda.) ... Curtis is folding *TV Program Wk* after 8 issues, probably the briefest experimental period for a new mag sponsored by a major factor.

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### FRIENDSHIP—13

It's smart to pick your friends—but not to pieces.—Toastmaster.

### FUTURE—14

Advertising by 2000 A D will be projected onto the night sky, with space sold according to the position of the stars; letters will be shot to Australia via rocket ships; pedestrians will shop on moving sidewalks at 2nd story level, while traffic will flow below and out of sight.—*Jnl of the Royal Society of Arts, England.*

### GOD—and Man—15

The hardest people to reach with the love of God are not the bad people. They know they are bad. They have no defense. The hardest ones to win for God are the self-righteous people.—CHAS L ALLEN. *When the Heart is Hungry* (Revell).

### GOOD—EVIL—16

Only brave deeds in the last resort can restrain evil acts. This is an unpopular creed today, but its truth is re-written in every generation as one of the mysteries men have to learn in their brief, unaccountable sojourn on this earth of contending passions and conflicting fortunes.—ARTHUR BRYANT, *Illustrated London News.*

### GREATNESS—17

Once there was a man whose neighbors held him to be a great man. . . "We know he is a great man," they said, "because when we are with him we ourselves feel bigger."—JAS M SPINNING, "Democracy Obliges," *Nation's Schools*, 3-55.

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### HEALTH—18

If an exec hasn't enough sense to take care of his own health, he hasn't enough sense to supervise other people, commented the head of a large Midwest company. Recent survey of 500 apparently healthy business leaders showed 41% suffered from ailments of which they were unaware; 71% had some physical abnormality; 52% were in need of immediate treatment; 11% "knew something was wrong" but "didn't have time" to seek medical advice.—*Newsweek.*

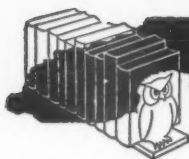
### INCOME—19

Within the lifetime of men not yet 60, the purchasing power of American income has doubled twice.—ELIZABETH E HOYT, MARGARET G REID, JOS L MCCONNELL, JANET M HOOKS, *American Income and Its Uses* (Harper).

### LENT—20

During this season people ask, "What are you giving up for Lent?" But my young people aren't "giving up" — they're *giving* for Lent. After some serious questioning of what we really felt would be worthy sacrifice, the usual ones of candy, movies, coffee, seemed petty. So instead we upped our tithes from 10% to 20%; we all gave blood to the Bloodmobile; we pledged hrs of help to families who have illness. . .

We'll go to the movies if we have time. We eat candy and cake because they aren't very precious. And we *give* things that really matter—time, blood, money, energy.—HAZEL I SHULL, Letter to the Editor, *Farm Jnl.*



## Book Briefs

Add to the list of authors who take real pains with research the name of Chas Gorham, whose new novel, *The Gold of Their Bodies* (Dial) concerns the life of French artist Paul Gauguin. To be able to describe how the painter worked, Gorham painted 3 "original Gauguins" in the artist's style. (And we can be thankful he wasn't writing a fictional acc't of Jack the Ripper!)

There has been, or so it seems to our jaundiced eye, a bit too much of the "man-masters-mountain" journalism in these late months. So it is with some relief that we encountered a brief passage in Earl Denman's *Alone to Everest* (Coward-McCann): "I never speak of having *conquered* Mikenno — we simply climbed the mountain. Personally I felt the only one to be conquered was myself. Previously I must have held a certain am't of fear when looking at Mikenno from near by, but having climbed it I no longer feared it."

Scholars are having a good laugh, with a tinge of anger, at Postmaster Gen'l Arthur Summerfield's decision to ban from the mails the Greek comedy, *Lysistrata*. Action comes a little late (some 2,000 yrs, indeed) for it's required reading in most college literature curricula.

Cambridge Univ Press recently rec'd an inquiry from a sugar refining firm: "We would like to purchase some of your books for use in our library. Would it be possible to do so at wholesale prices?" The Press made a counter proposal: "We would like to purchase some sugar for our coffee break. Would it be possible to do so at wholesale prices?"

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It was an amusing little story the Simpsons told in *Hockshop* (Random) on the origin of the term "uncle" as applied to the pawn broker. The Simpson family, it seems, boasts a hockshop heritage going back half-a-dozen generations. The original Simpson had 2 nephews who used to say, whenever they were confronted by a special problem, "I'll have to ask Uncle." Thus, in time, all followers of the trade became "uncles." An amusing story, we say, but Eric Partridge's *Dictionary of Slang* traces the term back at least 200 yrs, thus somewhat predating the 1st Simpson trafficking in hypo-theated treasure.

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### Johnson Unabridged

Asked once why he defined "pastern" in his dictionary as "knee of a horse," Dr Samuel Johnson cheerfully admitted, "Ignorance, pure ignorance." But rarely could one make that charge against this conversationalist and man of letters who 200 yrs ago (Apr 15, 1755) published his monumental Dictionary of the English Language—the 1st of its kind. Giving meanings, etymology, and usage for 40,000 words, the tome was literally a one-man product! Besides being a key factor in the "fixing" of our changeable tongue, the work was, and still is, enjoyable reading, largely because of the Johnsonian wit and prejudices revealed in famous definitions such as these:

**OATS**—a grain, which in England is generally given to horses, but in Scotland supports the people.

**PATRON** (Johnson's was stingy)—a wretch who supports with insolence, and is paid with flattery.

**PENSION** (this was later embarrassing when the gov't gave him a stipend) — in England, understood to mean pay given to a state hireling for treason to his country.

**LEXICOGRAPHER**—a writer of dictionaries; a harmless drudge.

(Johnson listed no filthy words, but when 2 ladies praised him for omitting them, he ans'd in mock surprise: "What, my dears? Then you have been looking for them!")

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### LIBERALISM—21

About the only way today's so-called "liberals" fit the dictionary definitions of the word is in their liberality with other people's money, work, and personal plans for progress.—PETER STEELE, quoted in *Industrial Press Service*.

### LIFE—Death—22

When Michelangelo, already well along in yrs, was discussing life with an old friend, the latter commented, "Yes, after such a good life it's hard to look death in the eye."

"Not at all!" contradicted Michelangelo. "Since life was such a pleasure, death, coming from the same great Source, cannot displease us."—Temmler Werke publication, Hamburg (QUOTE translation).

### MARRIED LIFE—23

The lot of the minister-counselor may not be a happy one. Looking back over the yrs and remembering the procession of angry, bruised, humiliated, confused, and fearful people, it has often occurred to me that if riding in automobiles incurred as high a statistical risk as getting married, the horse-and-buggy days would soon be back again. But lovers are not deterred by the tragically high ratio between marriages and divorces. Love doesn't read statistics.—JAS D BRYDEN, "Stars in Their Eyes," *Presbyterian Life*, 2-19-'55.

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"There are at least three things that the average young housewife can make out of practically nothing," says my wise old mother. "A hat, a salad, and a quarrel."—BURTON HILLIS, *Better Homes & Gardens*.



# Pathways to the Past



Week of  
Apr 10-16

Nat'l Noise Abatement Wk

Nat'l Model-Building Wk (8-15)

Nat'l Sunday School Wk (11-17)

**Apr 10—Easter Sunday.** . . Americans have legally safe-guarded more than 2,700,000 bright ideas in the 165 yrs since the 1st Patent Act became law (in 1790).

**Apr 11—The Orphan,** Boston's 1st stage play, must have been far nastier than its title sounds, because after its bow 205 yrs ago (1750), the town fathers banned all theatrical productions. . . Unaware he would never live to carry out the plans, Pres Lincoln presented ideas for post-war conciliation in his last public speech 90 yrs ago (1865).

**Apr 12 — The Connecticut Gazette,** the Nutmeg State's 1st paper, began printing 200 yrs ago (1755). . . No longer a magic formula, F, D, and R became just letters of the alphabet again 10 yrs ago (1945) when Pres Franklin D Roosevelt, the man who held the cards in the New Deal, died suddenly at 63.

**Apr 13 — Jefferson-Jackson Day** dinners are now occasions for jolly Democratic unity, but the 1st Jefferson's Birthday Dinner 125 yrs ago (1830) broke up when Pres Jackson and states-rightist John Calhoun crossed verbal swords (Calhoun retorted to Jackson's toast, "Our Fed'l Union: it must and shall be preserved," with "The

Union: next to our liberty, the most dear!"').

**Apr 14—Pan American Day** (65th anniv of founding of the 13-nation Pan American Union in 1890). . . Today marks both the beginning and the final tragic chapter in the fight to end slavery in America: 180 yrs ago (1775) Philadelphians formed the 1st abolition soc'y with Benj Franklin as pres. . . And the final act of pro-slavery violence snuffed out the life of Abraham Lincoln 90 yrs ago (1865) when actor John Wilkes Booth shot the President at the Ford theatre.

**Apr 15 —** The 1st authoritative word on English language usage, Samuel Johnson's 41,000-item dictionary, was published 200 yrs ago (1755) and was literally the last word on the subject 'til Noah Webster's opus 73 yrs later. . . The arrest of an anarchist fish-peddler and a radical-minded shoemaker for murder 35 yrs ago (1920) began the famed Sacco-Venzetti court case (many liberal authors protested the pair's conviction, charging the jury with political prejudice).

**Apr 16—**125 yrs ago (1830) the British *Quarterly Review* coined the word *conservative* (for the political philosophy of conserving traditional ideas), and it's been used variously as compliment and insult ever since.

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## "Of all things!"

Radio and television are important channels for the promulgation of religious ideas and ideals. But there are those who believe that this modern force is not being effectively employed. Perhaps the most articulate spokesman of this group is Dr Liston Pope, dean of Yale Divinity School.

In a recent address to the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the Nat'l Council of the Churches of Christ in the U S A, Dean Pope observed that he "would not have believed anything could be stickier than some of the soap operas, but religion has outdone even Lever Bros."

The doctor went on to assert that "many so-called religious broadcasts are neither intelligible nor intelligent from a Christian point of view." In his opinion they distort the Bible and "substitute an evangelical jargon surviving from the mass revivals of the last century."

Dean Pope bade his colleagues to quit entertaining the mystical hope that some Protestant equivalent of Bishop Fulton J Sheen will arise to speak for them. Such a voice, he said, would be out of keeping with Protestant emphasis on the responsibility of the individual in forging his own faith.

The Commission listened to its forthright critic—and approved a record budget of \$1,405,000 covering religious films, radio and tv programs for the ensuing yr.

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## MODERN AGE—24

Those rambling one-story ranch houses have become so widely accepted that today there are more 12-yr-old boys in this country who have flown in airplanes than have slid down bannisters. — BILL VAUGHAN, *VFW Mag.*

## OBJECTIVE—25

Dissatisfaction is a powerful incentive to get things done, especially when it is tied to some goal.

Men and women who go thru life without definite goals to strive for are like tired children—they don't know what they want, and will not stop whining unless they get it.—*R & R Mag.*, published by Insurance Research & Review Service.

## PARENTS—26

One characteristic causing a breakdown of the home is the apathy and indifference on the part of parents. The job of parenthood is forced to a secondary position by many other activities. I think of Mac, the mechanic, playing ball with his young son after a hard day's work. A neighbor said, "Mac, aren't you all tired out?" "Certainly, I'm all tired out," said Mac. "Well, what on earth are you doing that for?" "Well," Mac ans'd, "I would rather have a backache today than a heartache tomorrow." —LUTHER YOUNGDAHL, U S District Court Judge, "Make a House a Home," *Eagle*, 3-'55.

## POLITICS—27

Politician: A person of political cunning who, in opposition, knows all the answers and, in office, curses the officials who cannot find them.—*Spectator*, London.

## SALESMANSHIP—28

An attractive young woman had an amazing record in the house-to-house sale of vacuum cleaners. Questioned as to her success, she confessed to an effective stratagem:

"I always make it a point to address my sales talk to the husband—in tones so low that the wife won't want to miss a single word!"  
—*Wall St Jnl.*

## SELF—Analysis—29

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.—WM MORROW.

## SPEECH—Speaking—30

Some people are so intelligent they can speak on any subject—others don't seem to need a subject.—*Toastmaster.*

## UNITED NATIONS—31

Many believe that it (UNESCO) was established to solve all human problems, and that it has Pandora's box in its power, when it is actually no more than a little portable kitchen that is set up in each country to do its part in the service of science, education and culture.—ALFONSO REYES, eminent Mexican, *Americas.*

## WOMEN—32

One of our young Japanese friends was showing us the Chinese character for "woman" which is also used in the Japanese pictographic writing. Then she wrote the word meaning "confusion." It was the woman symbol, repeated 3 consecutive times.—*KVP Philosopher*, hm, Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Co.

## In Brief

The day is coming when a set of tires may be expected to last the lifetime of a car. And that day is perhaps not as distant as you imagine. A promising new plastic, Polyurethane, may be the answer. Lighter than rubber and substantially outwears it.

The wage with a fringe on top is rapidly becoming a subject for serious consideration. Fringe benefits paid to American workmen last yr am'ted to \$10.4 billion, or nearly 6½% of total wages and salaries.

With Graduation Day in the discernible distance, the big employers of college Seniors are opening their Spring barrage. Display ads in school papers grow larger and increasingly persuasive. An aircraft firm, seeking engineers, points out that a poor choice, jobwise, "can throw you yrs behind your classmates and a good choice can put you yrs ahead."

They're making it hot for American tourists in England this yr—well, at least comfortably warm. London's newest luxury hotel features central heating that keeps rooms at 67 degrees—about 10 degrees higher than the British average.

A Buffalo (N Y) auto dealer offers top price for your old car on a new Chevrolet. Suggests that you "Bring your wife. Come prepared to trade." Roy Rogers Enterprises, of California, advertises "Prices slightly higher in the West."

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# Good Stories..... you can use

The American was taken on a trip thru Moscow by a Soviet big shot. At the station the Russian declared to the guest, "This is one of the busiest stations in the world. On Track 1 a train leaves every three min's for Warsaw; on Track 2 a train leaves every two min's to Kief, and on Track 3 a train leaves every minute for Leningrad."

The American ans'd in astonishment, "We've been here for over an hour and I haven't seen a single train yet."

Repl'd the Russian earnestly, "But you mistreat Negroes."—*Weltbild*, Munich (Quore translation). a

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An attorney, in arguing a complicated case, had looked up authorities dating back to Julius Caesar and had consumed more than an hr in the most intricate part of his plea when he was pained to observe inattention of the bench. It was as he had feared—His Honor was unable to appreciate the nice points of the argument.

"Begging Your Honor's pardon," said he, "but do you follow me?"

The judge shifted uneasily in his chair. "I have so far," he ans'd, "but I'll say frankly, Mr Jones, if I thought I could find my way back, I'd quit right here."—*Arkansas Baptist*. b

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## I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

ANOBEL ARMOUR

The leading soloist in the church cantata was unable to get a baby-sitter. So she had to drag her reluctant young son to every practice session. Finally, completely bored with the reiterated musical expression, he rebelled and insisted on remaining at home.

"But, darling," the young mother remonstrated, "you should learn to enjoy church music. Why, the angels sing around God's throne all day long!"

"Well," said the unregenerate young offspring, "I just don't see how God can stand it!"

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We're told that a patient was brought to a psychiatrist by friends, who informed the doctor that the man was suffering from delusions that a huge fortune was awaiting him. He was expecting 2 letters which would give him details involving the deeds to a rubber plantation in Sumatra and the titles to some mines in S America.

"It was a difficult case and I worked hard on it," the psychiatrist told some colleagues later. "And just when I had the man cured—the 2 letters arrived!"—*This Wk.* c

# Wise Cracks

Psychiatrists say we all are a little strange in our behavior. Another way of saying this is: "I'm original. You're eccentric. He's nuts."—*Philnews*, hm, Phillips Petroleum Corp'n. d

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We just heard about a man who solved the problem of making out a complicated income tax. He devised a formula by which he listed as dependents one blonde wife, a car, three goldfish and two children. He then multiplied his grandfather's age by 6-7/8, subtracting his telephone number. Next he added his hat size and subtracted his car license number. Deducting for keeping his wife a blonde for one year, he divided the remainder by the number of clubs to which he belonged, multiplied by the number of electric light bulbs in his home, and divided by the size of his collar. This gave his gross income, which, after dividing by his chest measurement and subtracting his blood pressure, gave the net amount owed the Tax Bureau. e

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Mike Connolly, of the *Hollywood Reporter*, reports a conversation between 2 Hollywood wolfs:

First Hollywood: "In this town pretty girls are a drug on the mkt."

2nd Hollywood: "So shake hands with a dope fiend!" f

Judging by what you read in the papers, the reason some parents spare the rod is because Junior is carrying one.—*MAURICE SEITTER*.

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A gov't official is sometimes a man who has risen from obscurity to something worse. — *FRANCES RODMAN*.

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Modesty is the art of imperfectly concealing your talents.—*FRANKLIN P. JONES*.

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A woman who likes a man's company, sometimes marries him with the idea of becoming Chairman of the Board.—*A A SCHILLING*.

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Gen'l Electric's new man-made diamonds are causing a flurry in the feminine world — of course, they've always heard about the man-paid variety.—*Christian Science Monitor*.

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If coffee prices keep coming down, the fellow who likes to show off how rich he is will have to switch back to champagne.—*Hartford Courant*.

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A Michigan preacher has urged "Christianity in Your Driving." Does he mean one should turn the other fender?—*Sen SOAPER, NANA Syndicate*.

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Internat'l athletic competition: the Hungarian hammer thrower was by far the best. In an interview afterwards he said in a loud voice, "I am happy that I was able to throw the hammer so far!" Then he added in a soft voice, "And just think what I could have done if I could have thrown the sickle right after it!"—*Revue*, Munich (QUOTE translation).

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A Hungarian factory worker went to the lady foreman of his dep't: "Madam director, may I please leave a few min's early tonight because I want to go to the opera?"

The director shouted: "Don't you know, comrade, that we have been liberated and there are no more madams? Repeat your request in the democratic manner."

"Comrade director," the worker repl'd, "may I please leave a little earlier tonight because I have opera tickets?"

"Good," said the director. "I am pleased to see you workers appreciate culture. What opera are you going to see?"

"Well, comrade director, I am going to see *Comrade Butterfly*." —*News From Behind the Iron Curtain*, Nat'l Comm. for a Free Europe.

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Part-time buttlng is a major vocation in party-giving Washington, D C, where shortage of trained help is a real problem for hostesses. One such part-time butler is now a fixture at important parties, but he was new at the job when he was hired by the late "Cissie" Patterson for one memorable evening.

At dinner, the novice was told to serve the champagne. This he proceeded to do with great dignity, since he knew that champagne was supposed to be very high class. But he was thrown disastrously off-stride when he came to the late Sen Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan, who put his hand over his champagne glass and asked if he might have beer. The lady sitting next to the lawmaker asked if she could have beer also.

The demand for such a plebeian drink made the fellow revert completely to type. Holding up 2 fingers, he bellowed across the room to another substitute servant: "Hey, Joe! Two beers!"—*GEO DIXON*, *King Features Syndicate*. K

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Birdie Tebbetts, pilot of Cincinnati's Red Sox, may just be getting his boys back into spring training, but he's been thinking baseball all winter. Notorious for never getting his mind off the job, mgr Tebbetts relaxed enough one winter to do some theatre-going in N Y. A friend met him in the lobby between acts and politely inquired after the Tebbetts children, asking, "How are your progeny?"

"Well," said Birdie thoughtfully, "I could use right-handed pitchers."—*Eagle Mag*. h

I like to introduce famous works of art to my pupils. I had a picture of the Mona Lisa in my hands and was telling a 3rd grade class all about it. I said it was one of the most famous paintings in the world, that it was worth thousands of dollars and that it had once been stolen.

One little boy waved his hand. Pleased by his interest, I called on him.

"How did you get it?" he asked.  
—*Capper's Wkly.*



#### Messing Around

*The Air Force is experimenting in use of a caterer to replace KP.*  
—News item.

The rough-and-ready days are past

Or, if they're not, they're going fast,

Tradition shattered, shivered.  
No soup to stir, no spuds to peel,  
No need to help prepare a meal,  
The airman's chow delivered.

If caterers replace KP,  
It won't be long until we'll see  
More changes, left and right.  
Headwaiters with a bill of fare  
Will lead the way to tables where  
Men eat by candlelight.

And when the mess is less a mess,  
With fingerbowls and evening dress

And slots for dropping gripes in,  
I know (it gives me quite a charge)

A certain sentimental sarge  
Who's sure to turn his stripes in.

A young couple were exchanging ideas on marriage. "I won't get married," said the boy, "until I find a girl like the one Grandpa married."

"They don't have women like that today," said the girl.

"No?" said her boy friend with relish. "He just married her yesterday!"—*Pageant.*

We've just heard about the well-known shipping tycoon who decided to build a luxurious hunting lodge in the remote north woods of Wisconsin. Accordingly, he had a famous architect draw up an elaborate set of plans. He sent them to the village carpenter with instructions to begin immediately, following the blueprints.

A couple of days later, a post card arrived at the rich man's house. "The plans is all wrong," it read. "I can't do nothing until you get them straightened out."

The exasperated tycoon shot back a telegram. "Plans absolutely okay. Proceed as per instructions."

By return mail came the reply. "I do not saw one plank till them plans get straightened out. Why, if I was to build that house the way it's laid out here, you'd have two bathrooms!"—*American Wkly.*

A certain zoologist announced that he was trying to cross a parakeet with a black panther. "No!" exclaimed the friend in whom he had confided. "What do you expect to get?"

"I don't rightly know," admitted the scientist. "But if it starts talking, you'd better listen!"—*McCall Spirit*, hm, McCall Corp'n.

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## Quote-ettes

Boston city councilman, complaining that the mayor's budgeting has robbed the Council of a favorite vote-getting angle: "He didn't leave even a single strip of fat on it. It makes us look bad when we can't lop off a couple of hundred thousand here and a half-million there. Folks expect it."

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OVETA CULP HOBBY, Sec'y of Health, Education & Welfare: "One of the best ways the community can help the younger generation is to . . . have done with the notion that all wisdom resides in persons over 21."

2-Q-t

SECOND CLASS MATTER

## News of the **NEW**

Edited by ALICE JACOBS

While we approve of the many ciutbs designed to foster companionship between parents and children, we feel there should also be a Society For The Protection of Parents From Their Young. Nobody's founded one, but every once in a while some altruistic soul does produce gadgets to make life with the least ones simpler.

During hot summer mo's, few-yr-olds can easily drive their mothers crazy by running into the house every 10 min's for a drink of water. This can now be remedied. You can get a drinking fountain which screws directly into an outdoor water faucet. Lift cup to

bring up water; lower cup to shut it off. Coupler is provided to permit simultaneous use of garden hose and fountain. This should also be useful for Father when he's putting in a day's yard-work.

If your youngsters have discovered the joys of the phone, we think you should be overjoyed to learn of a little metal plate to clamp on phone-cradle. It holds buttons down so calls come in even if the children remove the receiver. Just flip device up—don't remove it—to use phone; flip it back down when thru. Only 50¢ from **PHONE-GUARD**, Box 5637, Washington 16, D.C.

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